GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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Unauthorised Mines
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from various quarters regarding unauthorized mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to close down these mines;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to cancel the licence of mines which are violating the rules and regulations; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a): No madam.

(b) to (c): Does not arise in view of reply given at (a) above.

(d) to (e) The mining lease deed which contains the terms and conditions under which the mining operations are to be conducted is executed between the State Governments and the lessee. The State Governments, therefore, monitor for compliance of these conditions. Steps taken by the State Governments to cancel the mining leases, if any, for violation of the terms and conditions of rules are not maintained centrally.

The provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, (MCDR) 1988 framed under section 18 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) (MMDR) Act, 1957 for conservation and systematic development of minerals and for the protection of environment by preventing or controlling any pollution caused by mining operations, are monitored by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) (a subordinate office of the Ministry)

However, based on the quarterly returns on illegal mining submitted by various state governments to IBM, details of instances of illegal mining (both major minerals and minor minerals) reported in various parts of the country and the action taken by State Governments, for the last three years i.e. 2013-14 to 2015-16 are at Annexure-I

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